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1. SITUATION REMAINS ESSENTIALLY AS DESCRIBED REFTTEL A.
2. CONSIDERABLE RESENTMENT BEING EXPRESSED AGAINST FRENCH FOR DEALING DIRECTLY WITH REBELS, VIOLATING CHADIAN AIR SPACE IN THE NORTH, AND (ACCORDING TO CLAIM) DELIVERING MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO REBELS. GOC IS DROPPING HINTS THAT FRENCH PRESENCE IN CHAD IS AT STAKE. TWO PLACARDS CARRIED IN DEMONSTRATION SEPTEMBER 21 HAD SLOGANS: "OUT WITH FRANCE" AND "WE DEMAND IMMEDIATE DEPARTURE OF FRENCH BASE". EDITORIAL IN DAILY NEWS SHEET OF SEPTEMBER 24, REFERRING TO APRIL 19 STATEMENT BY CHIEF OF STATE MALLOUM (NDJAMENA 979) THAT CHAD WOULD REVISE ITS COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH FRANCE WHENEVER THAT WAS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES, STATED THAT THE TIME HAS COME TO GIVE MEANING TO THAT STATEMENT.

3. SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED SEPTEMBER 25

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REPORTED THAT GROUP OF FRENCH "COOPERANTS" AND PRIVATE CITIZENS

IN CHAD WISHED TO LODGE PROTEST AGAINST GOF'S ACTIVITIES IN
CLAUSTRE CASE BUT THAT THIS PROTEST WAS BLOCKED BY FRENCH
AMBASSADOR. COMMUNIQUE ALSO STATES THAT FOUR FRENCH MIRAGES
FLYING COVER FOR FRENCH C-47 ON GROUND AT REBEL AIRSTRIP AT
MOUDRA HAD DANGEROUSLY THREATENED CHADIAN AIR FORCE OBSERVATION
C-47 FLYING IN VICINITY; THIS WAS DESCRIBED IN COMMUNIQUE
AS "TYPICAL AGGRESSION".
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